

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A binder composition for glass fibers comprising:
a pre-binder composition including a polycarboxy polymer and a crosslinking agent;
and
a co-binder selected from the group consisting of a dextrin, a modified dextrin, maltodextrin, and mixtures thereof, said co-binder being present in said binder composition in an amount of at least about 50%.
2. (Original) The binder composition according to claim 1, wherein said pre-binder composition further includes a catalyst.
3. (Currently Amended) The binder composition according to claim 2, wherein said catalyst is at least one member selected from the group consisting of an alkali salt of a phosphorus containing organic acid[[.]] and a fluoroborate compound ~~and mixtures thereof.~~
4. (Original) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said crosslinking agent is a polyol containing two or more hydroxyl groups.
5. (Currently Amended) The binder composition of claim 4, wherein said crosslinking agent is at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of triethanolamine and glycerol.
6. (Original) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said binder composition has a pre-binder composition:co-binder ratio of from 90:10 to 25:75.

7. (Currently Amended) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said modified dextrin is at least one member selected from the group consisting of borax modified dextrans and borax-alkali modified dextrans.

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21. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said polycarboxy polymer is present in said pre-binder composition in an amount from about 1% to about 50% by weight.

22. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said polycarboxy polymer contains carboxylic acid groups and said crosslinking agent contains hydroxyl groups; and wherein a molar ratio of said carboxylic acid groups to said hydroxyl groups is from 1:3 to 5:1.

23. (New) The binder composition of claim 2, wherein said catalyst is present in said pre-binder composition in an amount from about 1% to about 20% by weight.

24. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said co-binder is a dextrin.

25. (New) The binder composition of claim 24, wherein said dextrin is at least one member selected from yellow dextrans, white dextrans, and British gums.

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26. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said modified dextrin is a chemically modified dextrin.

27. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said binder composition has a pre-binder composition:co-binder ratio of 50:50.

28. (New) The binder composition of claim 1, wherein said co-binder is present in said binder composition in an amount of at least about 75%.